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**Subject:** Re: Fw: March 1 meeting  
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David:

I would like to reiterate Nicole's concern that EPA's presence at DTSC technical stakeholder meeting concerning RFI Group 7 is not within EPA's scope work at SSFL and may not be an appropriate use of DOE's ARRA funds allocated to us under for the Rad Background Study and Rad Area IV Study under our EPA/DOE Inter-Agency Agreement. The agenda for this meeting is primarily a technical discussion of DOE's RCRA RFI Group 7 data report. No radiological issues are on the agenda for this meeting and its unclear if any CI issues will be discussed at all. As you know, per the EPA CIP and all previous EPA public statements in this matter, EPA's stated role at SSFL is limited to our two radiological studies. We both think it would be best if we let DTSC (as lead Agency for both regulatory and CI issues) to work with their stakeholder community and figure out their path forward. We have already let DTSC (and several community stakeholders) know that EPA's TASC program may be made available to a unified community group that best serves DTSC's overall CI objectives. DTSC schedules these technical stakeholder meetings regularly and if we get formally requested by DTSC to attend and participate (e.g. present the TASC program), then Nicole and I would be fully in favor EPA representatives attending such a meeting. Until that request from DTSC occurs, I think it is not in EPA's interest or scope to attend this meeting and may put in the position to weigh in on TASC, CAG, or other DTSC-lead CI issues in a public forum before we have a chance to talk and plan EPA's participation in advance with DTSC. DTSC's CIC Susan Callery has informed Nicole that she strongly recommends that EPA and DTSC coordinate in advance of any public forums concerning DTSC's CI program. Therefore, both Nicole and I do not recommend that you attend this meeting. I hope you understand our views on this and we not trying to micro-manage or control you ability to do your job. We just think that it is important the EPA consistently stay within our stated roles at SSFL and proceed as appropriate with advance coordination with DTSC.

Sincerely,  
Craig

p.s. I am co-teaching a CERCLA class in this week so am hard to get a hold of but can meet during lunch hour on Wed and Thursday or anytime after 1pm on Friday.

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▼ [David Cooper---02/23/2010 01:47:07 PM---Hi Nicole, I dropped by your cube but it looks like you're not in. I wanted to talk more fully about](#)

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Hi Nicole,

I dropped by your cube but it looks like you're not in. I wanted to talk more fully about the DTSC meeting.

Thank you for forwarding the agenda for the March 1st DTSC meeting. I realize it is unclear whether the CAG formation will be on the agenda. Also, I had not anticipated TASC to be part of the conversation either way.

I would like to go to this meeting and I have spoken with Dana this morning. We agreed that it makes sense for me to go as an observer. It would help me better understand generally what people are saying about site issues. It was not my purpose to weigh in on the issues, although Dana was comfortable with me saying (if asked) that DTSC has the lead and we support public engagement in whatever form that DTSC and community decide. We both think it would help DTSC if I were there to offer my support of their CI work. It would also help us respond better to requests from the community (TASC or otherwise) if I am more familiar with DTSC CI efforts.

I hope you are okay with my rationale, as I would like to go ahead and make plans to go to the meeting.

-- Dave

▼ Nicole Moutoux---02/23/2010 11:52:54 AM---David- Below is the agenda for the March 1st DTSC meeting. At this point, it is unclear whether C

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David-

Below is the agenda for the March 1st DTSC meeting. At this point, it is unclear whether CAG formation will be on the agenda at all. If it is, it is unlikely that TASC will be part of the conversation. I don't think it makes sense for you to be there because I do not want to give the

impression that EPA is driving any of DTSC's decisions with respect to community involvement.

I think it would be best if we let DTSC figure out their path forward before we get put in the position to weigh in before we talk with DTSC.

Thanks

Nicole

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The tentative agenda is:

Group 7 RFI  
Building Demolition SOP  
Roundtable discussion  
Presentation by Christina on time-lapse photography of the site  
Discussion of CAG (I'm waiting to hear from Rick as to whether or not this will be on the agenda)

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